



LICENSED HUNTING PRESERVE PROGRAM

FALL 2009
NEWSLETTER

HUNTING PRESERVE SEASON

The hunting season on Class A Game Breeding and Hunting Preserve Areas opened on Sept. 1st and concludes on April 15, 2010. On Class B hunting preserves the season is open all year. Preserve operators may use all or any part of the season.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Monthly record forms and instructions are available on the Game Breeding & Hunting Preserve Area Website. Please review the instructions and send all record forms to the address provided with the instructions. Record forms and instructions will be forwarded on request. Contact information is included in this newsletter.

GAME BIRD RELEASES

During the hunting preserve season the Illinois Wildlife Code requires hunting preserves to release 250 ring-necked pheasants and/or bobwhite quail. This requirement can be fulfilled by releasing all ring-necked pheasants, all bobwhite quail, or any combination of the two species amounting to 250. This requirement must be met annually to qualify for license renewal.

HUNTING LICENSES AND HABITAT STAMPS

Hunters that hunt on licensed hunting preserves are required to have a valid Illinois Hunting or Sportsmen's License in possession while hunting. Non-residents must have a 5-day, regular full season, or special non-resident hunting preserve license. The special non-resident hunting preserve license is valid for the hunting preserve season, but only for released game birds or released toe-clipped mallards. This special license is only valid while the hunter is on a licensed Game Breeding and Hunting Preserve Area. Habitat Stamps are not required when hunting captive-reared game birds or toe-clipped mallards on licensed Game Breeding and Hunting Preserve Areas.

The special non-resident hunting preserve licenses are available individually over the internet from the Department's website at: <http://dnr.state.il.us>, by telephone at DNR Direct (888/6Permit or 888/673-7648) or from any license vendor. **Note: These licenses are no longer available in paper booklets of five.** These special non-resident licenses are available for \$7.00 each plus an issuing fee.

BOUNDARY SIGNS

Perimeter signs must be posted at not more than 500 feet intervals around the entire outside boundary of the hunting preserve. Signs are priced at \$2.50 each and can be ordered by letter or telephone. When ordering by letter, please specify the number of signs required and provide an address to which United Parcel Service (UPS) can deliver the signs.

HARVEST TAGS

Tags are priced at ten cents each and need to be ordered in increments of 500. Tags for upland game (e.g., ring-necked pheasants, quail, chukar and Hungarian partridge, etc.) on hunting preserves are red and tags for captive-reared mallards are blue. All tags are numbered consecutively and can only be used on the hunting preserve to which they have been assigned. The Wildlife Code requires affixing harvest tags to game birds and mallards harvested on hunting preserves the same day they are taken.

ORDERING INFORMATION FOR BOUNDARY SIGNS AND HARVEST TAGS

Please send requests for signs and tags to:

Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Post Office Box 19458
Springfield, IL 62794-9458

Checks should be made payable to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and should accompany your order.

Telephone orders for signs and tags paid for with a Visa or MasterCard can be directed to:

Susie Pollock
Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Commercial License Office
217/785-3423

HUNTING PRESERVE WEBSITE

A website for licensed hunting preserves is available on the internet at:

<http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/parks/>

Hunting preserve operators can access hunting preserve regulations, instructions and forms, the **Hunt Illinois Hunting Preserves** directory, and related information on the website.

QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS

Preserve operators with questions or problems can write, call, or e-mail. Business hours are 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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